

SETTING THE STAGE

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DIRECTIONS

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- Get in groups of size 3–4.
- Group members should introduce themselves.
- For each of the questions that follow, I will ask you to:
 1. **Think** about a possible answer on your own.
 2. **Discuss** your answers with the rest of your group.
 3. **Share** a summary of each group's discussion.

QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE

What are the goals of an education from a liberal arts college?

QUESTION TWO

How does a person learn something new?

QUESTION THREE

What do you reasonably expect to remember from your courses in 20 years?

QUESTION FOUR

What is the value of making mistakes in the learning process?

QUESTION FIVE

How do we create a safe environment where risk taking is encouraged and productive failure is valued?

PRODUCTIVE FAILURE #PF

“Any creative endeavor is built on the ash heap of failure.” — Michael Starbird

Claims

- An education must prepare a student to ask and explore questions in contexts that do not yet exist. That is, we need individuals capable of tackling problems they have never encountered and to ask questions no one has yet thought of.
- If we really want students to be independent, inquisitive, & persistent, then we need to provide them with the means to acquire these skills.

Lofty Goals

- Transition students from consumers to producers!
- I want to provide the opportunity for a transformative experience.
- I want to change my students' (YOUR) lives!

STARTING AT A YOUNG AGE...

